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Sent: 2/21/2025 8:51:15 PM
To: Jo-Anne Stately [jstately@mplsfoundation.org]; Greg Wenz [gwenz@mplsfoundation.org]; tkassa@mplsfoundation.org
CC: Presmanes, Cristina [Presmanes.Cristina@epa.gov]; Lobato, Mauricio [lobato.mauricio@epa.gov]
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 5N_00E03682-1 MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION
Attachments: EPA_5N_00E03682-1.pdf; Termination_Memo_Template_Feb21.docx_v.1.docx_5N00E03682-1.docx

Importance: High
Sensitivity: Company Confidential

RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award
Dear EPA Grant Recipient:

Attached is your Termination of Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) is on your agreement on the top of page one and in the subject line of this message. Please use this number in communicating with EPA about this grant.

Please carefully review the assistance agreement and the terms and conditions.

We recommend you forward the award document to any other personnel in your organization requiring information about the award. The recipient's signature is not required on this agreement.


For information regarding payments and financial reports, please refer to the following website at <https://www.epa.gov/financial/grants>. Additionally, the RTP Finance Center's email address is rtpfc-grants@epa.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Sanders, Region 5 Senior Resource Official, sanders.amy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Fields
Section Supervisor Assistance Section 1/GMO/
Region 5 Competition Advocate
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Mission Support Division
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Attachments:
Official EPA Award Document
Termination Memo

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00E03682	DATE OF AWARD
		MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1	02/21/2025
		PROGRAM CODE: 5N	MAILING DATE
		TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	02/21/2025
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# PEND
RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT: MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION 80 S 8TH ST 800 IDS CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 EIN: 41-6029402		PAYEE: MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION 80 S 8TH STREET 800 IDS Center Minneapolis, MN 55402	
PROJECT MANAGER Jo-Anne Stately 80 S EIGHTH ST 800 IDS CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 Email: jstately@mplsfoundation.org Phone: 612-672-3878		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Cristina Presmanes 77 West Jackson Blvd., RM-19J Chicago, IL 60604-3507 Email: Presmanes.Cristina@epa.gov Phone: 312-353-8205	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Mauricio Lobato Assistance Section 1, MA-10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 Email: lobato.mauricio@epa.gov Phone: 312-353-2515
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES The Minneapolis Foundation TCGM Grant 1 See Attachment 1 for project description.			
BUDGET PERIOD 04/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 04/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 8,000,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 8,000,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD Based on your Application dated 02/21/2025 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 0.00. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>100.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 8,000,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 5, U.S. EPA Region 5 Mail Code MCG10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3507		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 5, Office of Environmental Justice, Community Health, and Environmental Review Division OEJECR - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights 77 West Jackson Blvd., R-19J Chicago, IL 60604-3507	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Sheila Dolan - Manager, Acquisition and Assistance Branch by Robert Fields - Award Official Delegate			DATE 02/21/2025

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.615 - Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (EJ TCGM)	Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 2,959,368
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 887,810
3. Travel	\$ 172,701
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 40,360
6. Contractual	\$ 1,578,842
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 1,800,000
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 7,439,081
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base See Table B	\$ 560,919
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 8,000,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 8,000,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$ 0
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$ 8,000,000

Table B Budget Worksheet #1

Table B - Program Element Classification (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. 4/1/2024 - 3/31/2027 - 10% De Minimis Rate - Modified Total Direct Costs.	\$ 0
2.	\$ 0
3.	\$ 0
4.	\$ 0
5.	\$ 0
6.	\$ 0
7.	\$ 0
8.	\$ 0
9.	\$ 0
10.	\$ 0
11. Total (Share: Recip % Fed %)	\$ 0
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 0

Attachment 1 - Project Description

This agreement provides funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to The Minneapolis Foundation. This is a Regional Grantmaker. The Minneapolis Foundation, partnered along with the NDN Collective, will institute a grantmaking program within the Region 5 states. This award will be used to develop the administrative and programmatic strength needed to award over 200 grants within Region 5, targeting areas such as rural communities, urban centers and tribal communities. The Minneapolis Foundation will develop a Quality Management Plan, create an application to support the grantmaking program, train their statutory partner on EPA requirements, identify and recruit 10 Regional Community Advisory Committee (RAC) members, and perform outreach in their targeted communities using these funds. The Minneapolis Foundation will use the money associated with this award to build up their grant making capacity and to cover administrative costs associated with grantmaking for the next three years.

This amendment is to stop work; terminate the agreement; reduce performance period duration; curtail scope of work; and waive certain reporting requirements. Administrative terms and conditions are added.

Per 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Terms and Conditions of this agreement, EPA is terminating this award. Your organization shall immediately stop work and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs otherwise allocable to the assistance agreement. See terms and conditions.

Administrative Conditions

FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITION HAVE BEEN ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

UNILATERAL TERMINATION

1. The Agency is asserting its right under 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Term and Condition of this agreement to unilaterally terminate this award. This amendment serves as required notice under 2 CFR 200.341.
2. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.343 Effect of suspension and termination, costs to the recipient or subrecipient resulting from financial obligations incurred by the recipient or subrecipient after the termination of a Federal award are not allowable. Costs after termination are allowable if:
 - a. The costs result from financial obligations which were properly incurred by the recipient or subrecipient before the effective date of suspension or termination, and not in anticipation of it; and
 - b. The costs would be allowable if the Federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect.
 - c. The costs are reasonable and necessary termination costs consistent with 2 CFR 200.472.
3. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) General Terms and Conditions is still in full force and effect. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance of the award.
4. Programmatic Terms and Conditions. Performance reporting is still in full force and effect. The recipient must submit the final report no later than 120 calendar days after the period of performance.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include information on each of the following areas:

- a. A comparison of accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the reporting period;
- b. Explanations on why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and
- c. Additional information, analysis, and explanation of cost overruns or high-than-expected-unit costs.

5. Waiver of Reports

The following reports are waived:

- a. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises General Terms and Conditions.
- b. Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-428, General Terms and Conditions.

6. Record Retention

Access to Records, 2 CFR 200.337, is still in full force and effect. The termination of this award does not affect the right of EPA to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other reviews. Information regarding record retention, property disposition in accordance with EPA regulations, and other frequently asked questions can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts>.

Programmatic Conditions

N/A

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement 5N00E03682-1 under 2 CFR 200.340

FROM: EPA Award Official

TO: Greg Wenz, Chief Financial Officer
The Minneapolis Foundation

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. 5N00E03682-1 awarded to The Minneapolis Foundation. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(2) (effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024) and the Termination term and condition contained in the EPA General Terms and Conditions effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024, EPA Assistance Agreement 5N00E03682-1 is terminated in its entirety effective immediately on the grounds that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

It is a priority of the EPA to eliminate discrimination in all programs throughout the United States. The EPA Administrator has determined that, per the Agency's obligations to the constitutional and statutory law of the United States, this priority includes ensuring that the Agency's grants do not support programs or organizations that promote or take part in diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") initiatives, "environmental justice" initiatives, and conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions. In addition to complying with the civil rights laws, it is vital that the Agency assess whether all grant payments are free from fraud, abuse, waste, and duplication, as well as to assess whether current grants are in the best interests of the United States.

The grant specified above provides funding for programs that promote or take part in DEI initiatives or environmental justice initiatives or other initiatives that conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions; that are not free from fraud, abuse, waste, or duplication; or that otherwise fail to serve the best interests of the United States. The grant is therefore inconsistent with, and no longer effectuates, Agency priorities.

The process for closeout is generally outlined in 2 CFR 200.344. EPA is clarifying what reports are required and what reports are waived below. Other requirements are still in effect if applicable to your grant.

EPA is requiring the following closeout reports due within 120 days of closeout (2 CFR 200.344a:)

- Final Federal Financial Report, SF-425
- Final Technical Report
- Other programmatic reports identified in your terms and conditions

As part of this termination, EPA is waiving the following closeout reports:

- Property Report, SF-428
- Final Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise Utilization Under Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements, EPA Form 5700-52A

The recipient may request payment from the Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) system for allowable costs incurred up to the date of this memo provided that such costs were contained in the approved workplan. Costs incurred by you after this termination are allowable only if (a) those costs were properly incurred by you before the effective date of this termination, and not in anticipation of it; and (b) those costs would be allowable if your federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect. *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.343. You are encouraged to carefully review and discharge your closeout responsibilities set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344-45 and your award agreement. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to, your obligation to “promptly refund any unobligated funds” that have been paid out but “are not authorized to be retained.” *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(g).

Also, per 2 CFR 200.472, a recipient may use grant funds to properly closeout their grant including reasonable and necessary costs that might occur after the date of this memo. If the recipient drew down funds from ASAP for costs beyond the termination date or for costs that exceed the amount necessary to properly closeout their grant, the recipient must contact RTPFC at [[HYPERLINK "mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov" \h](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov)] for instructions on how to return the excess funds.

The EPA Grants Management Office has issued an amendment to the agreement to document the termination.

If you wish to dispute this termination decision, the Disputes Decision Official (DDO), [[HYPERLINK "mailto:coyle.ann@epa.gov"](mailto:coyle.ann@epa.gov)], must receive the Dispute no later than 30 calendar days from the date this termination notice is electronically sent to you. Disputes must be sent electronically by email to the DDO, with a copy to the EPA Award Official, [[HYPERLINK "mailto:dolan.sheila@epa.gov"](mailto:dolan.sheila@epa.gov)] within the 30-day period stated above. The Dispute submitted to the DDO must include: (1) A copy of the disputed Agency Decision; (2) A detailed statement of the specific legal and factual grounds for the Dispute, including copies of any supporting documents; (3) The specific remedy or relief you seek under the Dispute; and (4) The name and contact information, including email address, of your designated point of contact for the Dispute. *See* 2 CFR 1500.15

The requirements on post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities, including audit and record retention requirements, at 2 CFR 200.345 remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT

Amendment Document

cc: Mauricio Lobato, EPA Grant Specialist
Cristina Presmanes, EPA Project Officer
Office of Environmental Justice, Community Health, and Environmental Review Division

Message

From: Fields, Robert [Fields.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2025 8:51:29 PM
To: Bonnie L Keeler [keel0041@umn.edu]; vtroxler@umn.edu
CC: Davis, Sidler [Davis.Sidler@epa.gov]
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ_00E03450-4 Regents of University of Minnesota
Attachments: EPA_XJ_00E03450-4.pdf; Termination_Memo_Template_Feb21.docx_XJ00E03450-4.docx

Importance: High
Sensitivity: Company Confidential

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Sincerely,

Robert Fields
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	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00E03450 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 4 PROGRAM CODE: XJ		DATE OF AWARD 02/21/2025
		TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment		MAILING DATE 02/21/2025
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP		ACH# 50931
		RECIPIENT TYPE: State Institution of Higher Learning		
RECIPIENT: REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 200 Oak Street SE Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070 EIN: 41-6007513		PAYEE: Regents of University of Minnesota 200 Oak Street SE SUITE 450 Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070		
PROJECT MANAGER Bonnie Keeler 130 Humphrey School 301 19th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55455 Email: keel0041@umn.edu Phone: 612-625-8905		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Sidler Davis 77 West Jackson Blvd., RM-19J Chicago, IL 60604-1049 Email: davis.sidler@epa.gov Phone: 312-886-4314		EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Robert Fields Assistance Section 1, MA-10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-1049 Email: fields.robert@epa.gov Phone: 312-886-9017
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY JUSTICE IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION See Attachment 1 for project description.				
BUDGET PERIOD 06/01/2023 - 02/21/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 06/01/2023 - 02/21/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 10,000,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 10,000,000.00	
NOTICE OF AWARD <p>Based on your Application dated 02/21/2025 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 0.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 8,000,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.</p>				
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE		
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 5, U.S. EPA Region 5 Mail Code MCG10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3507		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 5, Office of Regional Administrator R5 - Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd. R-19J Chicago, IL 60604-1049		
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Sheila Dolan - Manager, Acquisition & Assistance Branch by Robert Fields - Award Official Delegate				DATE 02/21/2025

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.309 - Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Training and Special Purpose Activities Relating to Environmental Justice	Clean Air Act: Sec. 103(b)(3) Clean Water Act: Sec. 104(b)(3) Solid Waste Disposal Act: Sec. 8001(a) 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 117-103) 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 117-328) Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, 40 CFR 33 and 40 CFR 45

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 2,401,497
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 807,824
3. Travel	\$ 63,900
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 6,140
6. Contractual	\$ 53,676
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 5,418,115
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 8,751,152
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base See Table B	\$ 1,248,848
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 10,000,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 10,000,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
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Table B Budget Worksheet #1

Table B - Program Element Classification (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. 07/01/2021 - until amended. pred. 35% - MTDC each \$25,000 subaward limit, and exclude PSC	\$ 0
2. 07/01/2024 06/30/2028 - 37.00% - MTDC each \$25,000 subaward limit, and exclude PSC	\$ 0
3.	\$ 0
4.	\$ 0
5.	\$ 0
6.	\$ 0
7.	\$ 0
8.	\$ 0
9.	\$ 0
10.	\$ 0
11. Total (Share: Recip % Fed %)	\$ 0
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 0

Attachment 1 - Project Description

The Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center will leverage existing university extension networks and technical service providers to reach remote, rural, and underserved communities across EPA Region 5, including the states of Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio and 37 Tribal Nations. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) technical assistance (TA) funds issued to the enter name of TCTAC are specifically for the EJ TCTAC to coordinate and collaborate with the EJ Thriving Communities Grantmaking program recipients (Grantmakers) and/or provide additional technical assistance and support to applicants and subgrantee recipients funded through the Grantmaker program. The Grantmakers are considered Technical Assistance providers, who provide funding as well as technical assistance to applicants and subgrantee recipients addressing environmental concerns of disadvantaged communities. Per the EJ TCTAC Request for Applications (RFA), Funding Opportunity Number EPA-I-OP-OEJ-22-02, the EJ TCTACs are expected to coordinate with other Technical Assistance providers over the project period.

This amendment is to stop work; terminate the agreement; reduce performance period duration; curtail scope of work; and waive certain reporting requirements. Administrative terms and conditions are added.

Per 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Terms and Conditions of this agreement, EPA is terminating this award. Your organization shall immediately stop work and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs otherwise allocable to the assistance agreement. See terms and conditions.

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In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include information on each of the following areas:

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5. Waiver of Reports

The following reports are waived:

- a. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises General Terms and Conditions.
- b. Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-428, General Terms and Conditions.

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Programmatic Conditions

N/A

**OFFICE OF MISSION SUPPORT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement XJ00E03450-0 under 2 CFR 200.340

FROM: EPA Award Official

TO: Victoria Troxler, Senior Grants and Contract Officer
Regents of University of Minnesota

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. XJ00E03450-4 awarded to Regents of University of Minnesota. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(2) (effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024) and the Termination term and condition contained in the EPA General Terms and Conditions effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024, EPA Assistance Agreement XJ00E03450-4 is terminated in its entirety effective immediately on the grounds that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

It is a priority of the EPA to eliminate discrimination in all programs throughout the United States. The EPA Administrator has determined that, per the Agency's obligations to the constitutional and statutory law of the United States, this priority includes ensuring that the Agency's grants do not support programs or organizations that promote or take part in diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") initiatives, "environmental justice" initiatives, and conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions. In addition to complying with the civil rights laws, it is vital that the Agency assess whether all grant payments are free from fraud, abuse, waste, and duplication, as well as to assess whether current grants are in the best interests of the United States.

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The process for closeout is generally outlined in 2 CFR 200.344. EPA is clarifying what reports are required and what reports are waived below. Other requirements are still in effect if applicable to your grant.

EPA is requiring the following closeout reports due within 120 days of closeout (2 CFR 200.344a):

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- Property Report, SF-428
- Final Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise Utilization Under Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements, EPA Form 5700-52A

The recipient may request payment from the Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) system for allowable costs incurred up to the date of this memo provided that such costs were contained in the approved workplan. Costs incurred by you after this termination are allowable only if (a) those costs were properly incurred by you before the effective date of this termination, and not in anticipation of it; and (b) those costs would be allowable if your federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect. *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.343. You are encouraged to carefully review and discharge your closeout responsibilities set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344-45 and your award agreement. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to, your obligation to “promptly refund any unobligated funds” that have been paid out but “are not authorized to be retained.” *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(g).

Also, per 2 CFR 200.472, a recipient may use grant funds to properly closeout their grant including reasonable and necessary costs that might occur after the date of this memo. If the recipient drew down funds from ASAP for costs beyond the termination date or for costs that exceed the amount necessary to properly closeout their grant, the recipient must contact RTPFC at [[HYPERLINK "mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov" \h](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov)] for instructions on how to return the excess funds.

The EPA Grants Management Office has issued an amendment to the agreement to document the termination.


If you wish to dispute this termination decision, the Disputes Decision Official (DDO), [[HYPERLINK "mailto:coyle.ann@epa.gov"](mailto:coyle.ann@epa.gov)], must receive the Dispute no later than 30 calendar days from the date this termination notice is electronically sent to you. Disputes must be sent electronically by email to the DDO, with a copy to the EPA Award Official, [[HYPERLINK "mailto:dolan.sheila@epa.gov"](mailto:dolan.sheila@epa.gov)] within the 30-day period stated above. The Dispute submitted to the DDO must include: (1) A copy of the disputed Agency Decision; (2) A detailed statement of the specific legal and factual grounds for the Dispute, including copies of any supporting documents; (3) The specific remedy or relief you seek under the Dispute; and (4) The name and contact information, including email address, of your designated point of contact for the Dispute. *See* 2 CFR 1500.15

The requirements on post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities, including audit and record retention requirements, at 2 CFR 200.345 remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT

Amendment Document

cc: Robert Fields, EPA Grants Specialist
Sidler Davis, EPA Project Officer
Office Regional Administrative

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00E03450	DATE OF AWARD 02/21/2025
		MODIFICATION NUMBER: 4	MAILING DATE 02/21/2025
		PROGRAM CODE: XJ	ACH# 50931
		TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	
RECIPIENT TYPE: State Institution of Higher Learning		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT: REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 200 Oak Street SE Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070 EIN: 41-6007513		PAYEE: Regents of University of Minnesota 200 Oak Street SE SUITE 450 Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070	
PROJECT MANAGER Bonnie Keeler 130 Humphrey School 301 19th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55455 Email: keel0041@umn.edu Phone: 612-625-8905	EPA PROJECT OFFICER Sidler Davis 77 West Jackson Blvd., RM-19J Chicago, IL 60604-1049 Email: davis.sidler@epa.gov Phone: 312-886-4314	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Robert Fields Assistance Section 1, MA-10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-1049 Email: fields.robert@epa.gov Phone: 312-886-9017	
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY JUSTICE IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION See Attachment 1 for project description.			
BUDGET PERIOD 06/01/2023 - 02/21/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 06/01/2023 - 02/21/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 10,000,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 10,000,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD Based on your Application dated 02/21/2025 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 0.00. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>100.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 8,000,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 5, U.S. EPA Region 5 Mail Code MCG10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3507		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 5, Office of Regional Administrator R5 - Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd. R-19J Chicago, IL 60604-1049	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Sheila Dolan - Manager, Acquisition & Assistance Branch by Robert Fields - Award Official Delegate			DATE 02/21/2025

EPA Funding Information

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EPA Amount This Action	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.309 - Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Training and Special Purpose Activities Relating to Environmental Justice	Clean Air Act: Sec. 103(b)(3) Clean Water Act: Sec. 104(b)(3) Solid Waste Disposal Act: Sec. 8001(a) 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 117-103) 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 117-328) Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, 40 CFR 33 and 40 CFR 45

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 2,401,497
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 807,824
3. Travel	\$ 63,900
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 6,140
6. Contractual	\$ 53,676
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 5,418,115
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 8,751,152
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base See Table B	\$ 1,248,848
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 10,000,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 10,000,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$ 0
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$ 8,000,000

Table B Budget Worksheet #1

Table B - Program Element Classification (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. 07/01/2021 - until amended. pred. 35% - MTDC each \$25,000 subaward limit, and exclude PSC	\$ 0
2. 07/01/2024 06/30/2028 - 37.00% - MTDC each \$25,000 subaward limit, and exclude PSC	\$ 0
3.	\$ 0
4.	\$ 0
5.	\$ 0
6.	\$ 0
7.	\$ 0
8.	\$ 0
9.	\$ 0
10.	\$ 0
11. Total (Share: Recip % Fed %)	\$ 0
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 0

Attachment 1 - Project Description

The Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center will leverage existing university extension networks and technical service providers to reach remote, rural, and underserved communities across EPA Region 5, including the states of Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio and 37 Tribal Nations. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) technical assistance (TA) funds issued to the enter name of TCTAC are specifically for the EJ TCTAC to coordinate and collaborate with the EJ Thriving Communities Grantmaking program recipients (Grantmakers) and/or provide additional technical assistance and support to applicants and subgrantee recipients funded through the Grantmaker program. The Grantmakers are considered Technical Assistance providers, who provide funding as well as technical assistance to applicants and subgrantee recipients addressing environmental concerns of disadvantaged communities. Per the EJ TCTAC Request for Applications (RFA), Funding Opportunity Number EPA-I-OP-OEJ-22-02, the EJ TCTACs are expected to coordinate with other Technical Assistance providers over the project period.

This amendment is to stop work; terminate the agreement; reduce performance period duration; curtail scope of work; and waive certain reporting requirements. Administrative terms and conditions are added.

Per 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Terms and Conditions of this agreement, EPA is terminating this award. Your organization shall immediately stop work and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs otherwise allocable to the assistance agreement. See terms and conditions.

Administrative Conditions

FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

UNILATERAL TERMINATION

1. The Agency is asserting its right under 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Term and Condition of this agreement to unilaterally terminate this award. This amendment serves as required notice under 2 CFR 200.341.
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 - c. The costs are reasonable and necessary termination costs consistent with 2 CFR 200.472.
3. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) General Terms and Conditions is still in full force and effect. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance of the award.
4. Programmatic Terms and Conditions. Performance reporting is still in full force and effect. The recipient must submit the final report no later than 120 calendar days after the period of performance.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include information on each of the following areas:

- a. A comparison of accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the reporting period;
- b. Explanations on why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and
- c. Additional information, analysis, and explanation of cost overruns or high-than-expected-unit costs.

5. Waiver of Reports

The following reports are waived:

- a. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises General Terms and Conditions.
- b. Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-428, General Terms and Conditions.


6. Record Retention

Access to Records, 2 CFR 200.337, is still in full force and effect. The termination of this award does not affect the right of EPA to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other reviews. Information regarding record retention, property disposition in accordance with EPA regulations, and other frequently asked questions can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts>.

Programmatic Conditions

N/A

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	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment		GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00E03682 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1 PROGRAM CODE: 5N	DATE OF AWARD 02/21/2025
			TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	MAILING DATE 02/21/2025
			PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# PEND
			RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit	
RECIPIENT: MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION 80 S 8TH ST 800 IDS CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 EIN: 41-6029402		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov		
PROJECT MANAGER Jo-Anne Stately 80 S EIGHTH ST 800 IDS CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 Email: jstately@mplsfoundation.org Phone: 612-672-3878		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Cristina Presmanes 77 West Jackson Blvd., RM-19J Chicago, IL 60604-3507 Email: Presmanes.Cristina@epa.gov Phone: 312-353-8205		PAYEE: MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION 80 S 8TH STREET 800 IDS Center Minneapolis, MN 55402
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES The Minneapolis Foundation TCGM Grant 1 See Attachment 1 for project description.		EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Mauricio Lobato Assistance Section 1, MA-10J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 Email: lobato.mauricio@epa.gov Phone: 312-353-2515		
BUDGET PERIOD 04/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 04/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 8,000,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 8,000,000.00	
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Sheila Dolan - Manager, Acquisition and Assistance Branch by Robert Fields - Award Official Delegate				DATE 02/21/2025

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Allowable Project Cost	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.615 - Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (EJ TCGM)	Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Budget Summary Page

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2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 887,810
3. Travel	\$ 172,701
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 40,360
6. Contractual	\$ 1,578,842
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 1,800,000
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 7,439,081
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base See Table B	\$ 560,919
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 8,000,000
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1. 4/1/2024 - 3/31/2027 - 10% De Minimis Rate - Modified Total Direct Costs.	\$ 0
2.	\$ 0
3.	\$ 0
4.	\$ 0
5.	\$ 0
6.	\$ 0
7.	\$ 0
8.	\$ 0
9.	\$ 0
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This agreement provides funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to The Minneapolis Foundation. This is a Regional Grantmaker. The Minneapolis Foundation, partnered along with the NDN Collective, will institute a grantmaking program within the Region 5 states. This award will be used to develop the administrative and programmatic strength needed to award over 200 grants within Region 5, targeting areas such as rural communities, urban centers and tribal communities. The Minneapolis Foundation will develop a Quality Management Plan, create an application to support the grantmaking program, train their statutory partner on EPA requirements, identify and recruit 10 Regional Community Advisory Committee (RAC) members, and perform outreach in their targeted communities using these funds. The Minneapolis Foundation will use the money associated with this award to build up their grant making capacity and to cover administrative costs associated with grantmaking for the next three years.

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Programmatic Conditions

N/A

Message

From: Phillips, Lashaun [Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2025 9:38:08 PM
To: Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]; Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

You are welcome, I have to Thank Keva for her assistance.

La Shaun Phillips, Award Official
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Office of Mission Support
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, D.C. 20460
202-564-0956
Phillips.lashaun@epa.gov

From: Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:37 PM
To: Phillips, Lashaun <Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov>; Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

Thank you, Lashaun for the quick action.

Kathy Tsing-Choy
Associate Award Official
tsing-choy.kathy@epa.gov

From: Phillips, Lashaun <Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 1:32 PM
To: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

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Phillips.lashaun@epa.gov

From: Phillips, Lashaun
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:00 PM
To: rpaez@sustain.org; phaldipur@sustain.org
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

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If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Segovia Senior Resource Official at Segovia.Theresa@epa.gov

Sincerely,

La Shaun Phillips
Associate Award Official
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Phillips.lashaun@epa.gov

Attachments:
Official EPA Award Document
Termination Memo

Message

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To: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]; Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

You are welcome, you too 😊

La Shaun Phillips, Award Official
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202-564-0956
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From: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Phillips, Lashaun <Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov>; Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

Thank you, LaShaun! Enjoy your weekend.

Melissa

From: Phillips, Lashaun <Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

Thanks

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Official EPA Award Document
Termination Memo

Message

From: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2025 9:47:15 PM
To: Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 00A01436, New Haven Ecology Project Inc.
Attachments: OMB Form 00A01436-1.pdf; Termination_Memo_00A01436_Feb21.pdf

From: Johnson, Arthur <Johnson.Arthur@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:26 PM
To: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>
Cc: Tocci, Brian F. <Tocci.Brian@epa.gov>; Weeks, Frederick <Weeks.Fred@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 00A01436, New Haven Ecology Project Inc.

R1 termination action completed.

Art

From: Johnson, Arthur
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:25 PM
To: JTolman@commongroundct.org
Cc: Tocci, Brian F. <Tocci.Brian@epa.gov>; Blanchette, Adam <blanchette.adam@epa.gov>; White, Keyana <White.Keyana@epa.gov>; Weeks, Frederick <Weeks.Fred@epa.gov>; Rea, Kristi <Rea.Kristi@epa.gov>; Lloyd, Monique <Lloyd.Monique@epa.gov>; Scherb, Kristen <Scherb.Kristen@epa.gov>
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If you have any questions, please contact me at johnson.arthur@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Art Johnson
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	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment		GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A01436 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1 PROGRAM CODE: 51	DATE OF AWARD 02/21/2025
			TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	MAILING DATE 02/21/2025
			PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10222
			RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit	
RECIPIENT: NEW HAVEN ECOLOGY PROJECT INC 358 Springside Avenue New Haven, CT 06515-1024 EIN: 22-3171185			Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov PAYEE: New Haven Ecological Project Inc. P.O. Box 2965 New Haven, CT 06515-0065	
PROJECT MANAGER Joel Tolman 358 Springside Avenue New Haven, CT 06515-1024 Email: JTolman@commongroundct.org Phone: 203-809-4164		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Keyana White 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Email: White.Keyana@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1436		EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Adam Blanchette Grants Management Branch 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3945 Email: Blanchette.Adam@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1237
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES Green Jobs Corps: Growing a New Generation of New Haven Environmental Justice Problem-Solvers This amendment is to stop work; terminate the agreement; reduce performance period duration; curtail scope of work; and waive certain reporting requirements. Administrative terms and conditions are added. Per 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Terms and Conditions of this agreement, EPA is terminating this award. Your organization shall immediately stop work and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs otherwise allocable to the assistance agreement. See terms and conditions.				
BUDGET PERIOD 05/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 05/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 500,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 500,000.00	
NOTICE OF AWARD Based on your Application dated 04/14/2023 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 0.00. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>100.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 500,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.				
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE		
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1, Office of the Regional Administrator R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3946		
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division				DATE 02/21/2025

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.306 - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program	Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 282,155
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 21,585
3. Travel	\$ 0
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 8,420
6. Contractual	\$ 720
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 187,120
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 500,000
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base -	\$ 0
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 500,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 500,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$ 0
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$ 500,000

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**OFFICE OF MISSION SUPPORT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement [Grant Number] under 2 CFR 200.340

FROM: Arthur Johnson, EPA Award Official ARTHUR JOHNSON Digitally signed by ARTHUR JOHNSON
Date: 2025.02.21 16:19:17 -05'00'

TO: John Tolman, Director of Community Engagement & Outreach
New Haven Ecology Project Inc.

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. 00A01436 awarded to New Haven Ecology Project Inc. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(2) (effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024) and the Termination term and condition contained in the EPA General Terms and Conditions effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024, EPA Assistance Agreement 00A01436 is terminated in its entirety effective immediately on the grounds that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

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The grant specified above provides funding for programs that promote or take part in DEI initiatives or environmental justice initiatives or other initiatives that conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions; that are not free from fraud, abuse, waste, or duplication; or that otherwise fail to serve the best interests of the United States. The grant is therefore inconsistent with, and no longer effectuates, Agency priorities.

The process for closeout is generally outlined in 2 CFR 200.344. EPA is clarifying what reports are required and what reports are waived below. Other requirements are still in effect if applicable to your grant.

EPA is requiring the following closeout reports due within 120 days of closeout (2 CFR 200.344a:)

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- Final Technical Report
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Also, per 2 CFR 200.472, a recipient may use grant funds to properly closeout their grant including reasonable and necessary costs that might occur after the date of this memo. If the recipient drew down funds from ASAP for costs beyond the termination date or for costs that exceed the amount necessary to properly closeout their grant, the recipient must contact RTPFC at rtpfc-grants@epa.gov for instructions on how to return the excess funds.

The EPA Grants Management Office has issued an amendment to the agreement to document the termination.

If you wish to dispute this termination decision, the Disputes Decision Official (DDO), scherb.kristen@epa.gov, must receive the Dispute no later than 30 calendar days from the date this termination notice is electronically sent to you. Disputes must be sent electronically by email to the DDO, with a copy to the EPA Award Official, johnson.arthur@epa.gov, within the 30-day period stated above. The Dispute submitted to the DDO must include: (1) A copy of the disputed Agency Decision; (2) A detailed statement of the specific legal and factual grounds for the Dispute, including copies of any supporting documents; (3) The specific remedy or relief you seek under the Dispute; and (4) The name and contact information, including email address, of your designated point of contact for the Dispute. *See* 2 CFR 1500.15

The requirements on post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities, including audit and record retention requirements, at 2 CFR 200.345 remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT

Amendment Document

cc: Adam Blanchette
Keyana White
Brian Tocci

Message

From: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2025 10:03:46 PM
To: Wilson, Kevin [Wilson.Kevin@epa.gov]
CC: Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities
Attachments: Termination 84061101 Memo_Feb21.pdf; OMB Form 84061101-1 (5).pdf

Hi Kevin,

Brandon Pierce was unable to select the FT code. Kat believes it is because the programmatic baseline was not completed. Is there a way to "hard code" FT or otherwise trick the system? Because the "FT" code was not selected, this award will not appear on the daily report.

Thank you for your help.

-Melissa

From: Phillips, Lashaun <Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

Thanks

La Shaun Phillips, Award Official
Grants Management and Business Operations Division (GMBOD)
Office of Mission Support
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20460
202-564-0956
Phillips.lashaun@epa.gov

From: Phillips, Lashaun
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:00 PM
To: rpaez@sustain.org; phaldipur@sustain.org
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award

Dear EPA Grant Recipient:

Attached is your Termination of Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) is on your agreement on the top of page one and in the subject line of this message. Please use this number in communicating with EPA about this grant.

Please carefully review the assistance agreement and the terms and conditions.

We recommend you forward the award document to any other personnel in your organization requiring information about the award. The recipient's signature is not required on this agreement.

For information regarding payments and financial reports, please refer to the following website at <https://www.epa.gov/financial/grants>. Additionally, the RTP Finance Center's email address is rtpfc-grants@epa.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Segovia Senior Resource Official at Segovia.Theresa@epa.gov

Sincerely,

La Shaun Phillips
Associate Award Official
202-564-0956
Phillips.lashaun@epa.gov

Attachments:
Official EPA Award Document
Termination Memo

**OFFICE OF MISSION SUPPORT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement XJ 84061101-1 under 2 CFR 200.340

FROM: EPA Award Official

TO: Pradnya Haldipur, VP, Development /Acting Co-President
Institute For Sustainable Communities

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. XJ 84061101-1 awarded to Institute For Sustainable Communities in accordance with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(2) (effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024) and the Termination term and condition contained in the EPA General Terms and Conditions effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024, EPA Assistance Agreement XJ 84061101-1 is terminated in its entirety effective immediately on the grounds that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

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Amendment Document

cc: Matthew Forte, EPA Grant Specialist
Darlene Byrd, EPA Project Officer
Russell Paez, Grantee Program Manager

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	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment		GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 84061101 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1 PROGRAM CODE: XJ	DATE OF AWARD 02/21/2025
			TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	MAILING DATE 02/21/2025
			PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# PEND
			RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit	
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official LaShaun Phillips - Associate Award Official				DATE 02/21/2025

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Programmatic Conditions

All terms remaining the same.

Message

From: Phillips, Lashaun [Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/22/2025 2:41:18 AM
To: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]; Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

Hello Melissa,

I did not get a call from you. I did see Kat's message that the award was closed and I also checked myself.

Thank you

La Shaun Phillips, Award Official
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Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Phillips, Lashaun <Phillips.Lashaun@epa.gov>; Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ 840611-01-1 Institute For Sustainable Communities

Thank you, LaShaun! Enjoy your weekend.

Melissa

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Sincerely,

La Shaun Phillips
Associate Award Official
202-564-0956
Phillips.lashaun@epa.gov

Attachments:
Official EPA Award Document
Termination Memo

Message

From: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/22/2025 4:07:57 PM
To: Watkins, Christopher [Watkins.Christopher@epa.gov]; Velika [velika@buftx.org]; cleo@buftx.org
CC: Alexander, Jill [Alexander.Jill@epa.gov]; Ford, Jamell [Ford.Jamell@epa.gov]; Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]; Stanton, MaryA [Stanton.Marya@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 02F50601 Black United Fund of Texas Inc.

Thank you, Chris!

-Melissa

From: Watkins, Christopher <Watkins.Christopher@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2025 10:45 AM
To: Velika <velika@buftx.org>; cleo@buftx.org
Cc: Alexander, Jill <Alexander.Jill@epa.gov>; Ford, Jamell <Ford.Jamell@epa.gov>; Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>; Stanton, MaryA <Stanton.Marya@epa.gov>
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 02F50601 Black United Fund of Texas Inc.

RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award

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Grants Information – <https://www.epa.gov/grants>



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Message

From: Watkins, Christopher [Watkins.Christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/22/2025 3:45:22 PM
To: Velika [velika@buftx.org]; cleo@buftx.org
CC: Alexander, Jill [Alexander.Jill@epa.gov]; Ford, Jamell [Ford.Jamell@epa.gov]; Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]; Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]; Stanton, MaryA [Stanton.Marya@epa.gov]
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 02F50601 Black United Fund of Texas Inc.
Attachments: Black United Fund of Texas Inc Termination_Memo_Feb21.docx; OMB Form 02F50601-1.pdf

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement 02F50601 under 2 CFR 200.340

FROM: EPA Award Official

TO: Velika Thomas, CFO
Black United Fund of Texas, Inc.

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. 02F50601 awarded to Black United Fund of Texas Inc. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(2) (effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024) and the Termination term and condition contained in the EPA General Terms and Conditions effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024, EPA Assistance Agreement 02F50601 is terminated in its entirety effective immediately on the grounds that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

It is a priority of the EPA to eliminate discrimination in all programs throughout the United States. The EPA Administrator has determined that, per the Agency's obligations to the constitutional and statutory law of the United States, this priority includes ensuring that the Agency's grants do not support programs or organizations that promote or take part in diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") initiatives, "environmental justice" initiatives, and conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions. In addition to complying with the civil rights laws, it is vital that the Agency assess whether all grant payments are free from fraud, abuse, waste, and duplication, as well as to assess whether current grants are in the best interests of the United States.

The grant specified above provides funding for programs that promote or take part in DEI initiatives or environmental justice initiatives or other initiatives that conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions; that are not free from fraud, abuse, waste, or duplication; or that otherwise fail to serve the best interests of the United States. The grant is therefore inconsistent with, and no longer effectuates, Agency priorities.

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Also, per 2 CFR 200.472, a recipient may use grant funds to properly closeout their grant including reasonable and necessary costs that might occur after the date of this memo. If the recipient drew down funds from ASAP for costs beyond the termination date or for costs that exceed the amount necessary to properly closeout their grant, the recipient must contact RTPFC at [[HYPERLINK "mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov" \h](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov)] for instructions on how to return the excess funds.

The EPA Grants Management Office has issued an amendment to the agreement to document the termination.

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The requirements on post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities, including audit and record retention requirements, at 2 CFR 200.345 remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT

Amendment Document 02F50601-1

cc: Jamell Ford (EPA Grant Specialist)
Jill Alexander (EPA Project Officer)
Cleo Johnson (Black United Fund of Texas Inc., Program Manager)

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 02F50601	DATE OF AWARD
		MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1	02/22/2025
		PROGRAM CODE: 5B	MAILING DATE
		TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	02/22/2025
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 67157
RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT: BLACK UNITED FUND OF TEXAS, INC. 2606 Gregg Street Suite A Houston, TX 77026-6302 EIN: 74-2109039		PAYEE: Black United Fund of Texas, Inc. 2606 Gregg Street Suite A Houston, TX 77026-6302	
PROJECT MANAGER Cleo Johnson 2606 Gregg Street Suite A Houston, TX 77026 Email: cleo@buftx.org Phone: 713-524-5767		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Jill Alexander 1201 Elm Street, EJDJB Dallas, TX 75270-2102 Email: Alexander.Jill@epa.gov Phone: 214-665-3132	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Jamell Ford Mission Support Division, MSDGG 1201 Elm Street Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270-2102 Email: ford.jamell@epa.gov Phone: 214-665-3182
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES Vulnerable to Vibrant: Solar Workforce Development Trainings, Illegal Dumping Abatement, and Education in an Environmental Justice Community This amendment is to stop work; terminate the agreement; reduce performance period duration; curtail scope of work; and waive certain reporting requirements. Administrative terms and conditions are added. Per 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Terms and Conditions of this agreement, EPA is terminating this award. Your organization shall immediately stop work and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs otherwise allocable to the assistance agreement. See terms and conditions.			
BUDGET PERIOD 05/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 05/01/2024 - 02/21/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 500,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 500,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD Based on your Application dated 04/14/2023 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 0.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 500,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 6, Grants Management Section 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270-2102		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 6, Environmental Justice, Community Engagement and Environmental Review Division R6 - Region 6 1201 Elm Street Dallas, TX 75201-2102	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Christopher Watkins - Grant Management Officer			DATE 02/22/2025

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000

Assistance Program	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.306 - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program	Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 116,670
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 23,334
3. Travel	\$ 10,161
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 15,584
6. Contractual	\$ 280,425
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 34,251
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 480,425
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base	\$ 19,575
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 500,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 500,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$ 0
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$ 500,000

Administrative Conditions

UNILATERAL TERMINATION

1. The Agency is asserting its right under 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Term and Condition of this agreement to unilaterally terminate this award. This amendment serves as required notice under 2 CFR 200.341.
2. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.343 Effect of suspension and termination, costs to the recipient or subrecipient resulting from financial obligations incurred by the recipient or subrecipient after the termination of a Federal award are not allowable. Costs after termination are allowable if:
 - a. The costs result from financial obligations which were properly incurred by the recipient or subrecipient before the effective date of suspension or termination, and not in anticipation of it; and
 - b. The costs would be allowable if the Federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect.
 - c. The costs are reasonable and necessary termination costs consistent with 2 CFR 200.472.
3. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) General Terms and Conditions is still in full force and effect. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance of the award.
4. Programmatic Terms and Conditions. Performance reporting is still in full force and effect. The recipient must submit the final report no later than 120 calendar days after the period of performance.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include information on each of the following areas:

- a. A comparison of accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the reporting period;
- b. Explanations on why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and
- c. Additional information, analysis, and explanation of cost overruns or high-than-expected-unit costs.

5. Waiver of Reports

The following reports are waived:

- a. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises General Terms and Conditions.
- b. Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-428, General Terms and Conditions.

6. Record Retention

Access to Records, 2 CFR 200.337, is still in full force and effect. The termination of this award does not affect the right of EPA to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other reviews. Information regarding record retention, property disposition in accordance with EPA regulations, and other frequently asked questions can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts>.

Programmatic Conditions

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BASIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING PRIOR AMENDMENTS, REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Message

From: Watkins, Christopher [Watkins.Christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/22/2025 4:43:05 PM
To: bianca@earthcarenm.org; macosta.csf@gmail.com; info@earthcarenm.org
CC: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]; Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]; Stanton, MaryA [Stanton.Marya@epa.gov]; Dorsey, Debbie [Dorsey.Debbie@epa.gov]; Vogle, Katie [Vogle.Katie@epa.gov]
Subject: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: 02F50801 Earth care International
Attachments: Earth Care International Termination_Memo.pdf; OMB Form 02F50801-1.pdf

RE: Termination of EPA Assistance Award

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 22, 2025

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement 02F50801 under 2 CFR 200.340

FROM: EPA Award Official

TO: Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Co-Director
Earth Care International

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. 02F50801 awarded to Earth Care International. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(2) (effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024) and the Termination term and condition contained in the EPA General Terms and Conditions effective August 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024, EPA Assistance Agreement 02F50801 is terminated in its entirety effective immediately on the grounds that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

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The requirements on post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities, including audit and record retention requirements, at 2 CFR 200.345 remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT

Amendment Document 02F50801-1

cc: Debbie Dorsey (EPA Grant Specialist)
Katie Vogle(EPA Project Officer)
Bianca Sopoci-Belknap (Earth Care International Program Manager)

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Assistance Amendment		GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 02F50801 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1 PROGRAM CODE: 5B	DATE OF AWARD 02/22/2025
			TYPE OF ACTION No Cost Amendment	MAILING DATE 02/22/2025
			PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# PEND
			RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit	
RECIPIENT: EARTH CARE INTERNATIONAL P.O. Box 28969 SANTA FE, NM 87592-8969 EIN: 33-1017279			Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
PROJECT MANAGER Bianca Sopoci-Belknap 6600 VALENTINE WAY BLDG A SANTA FE, NM 87507-7314 Email: bianca@earthcarenm.org Phone: 505-983-6896			EPA PROJECT OFFICER Katie Vogle 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, ORACT Dallas, TX 75270-2102 Email: vogle.kathryn@epa.gov Phone: 214-665-7162	
EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Debbie Dorsey Mission Support Division, MSDGG 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270-2102 Email: Dorsey.Debbie@epa.gov Phone: 214-665-6554				
PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES Justice in the Air: The Partnership for Community Health Equity This amendment is to stop work; terminate the agreement; reduce performance period duration; curtail scope of work; and waive certain reporting requirements. Administrative terms and conditions are added. Per 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Terms and Conditions of this agreement, EPA is terminating this award. Your organization shall immediately stop work and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs otherwise allocable to the assistance agreement. See terms and conditions.				
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ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE) ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 6, Grants Management Section 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270-2102			AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 6, Environmental Justice, Community Engagement and Environmental Review Division R6 - Region 6 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270-2102	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Christopher Watkins - Grant Management Officer				DATE 02/22/2025

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000

Assistance Program	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.306 - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program	Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 265,500
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 51,570
3. Travel	\$ 7,770
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 11,620
6. Contractual	\$ 53,540
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 110,000
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 500,000
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base	\$ 0
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 500,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 500,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$ 0
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$ 500,000

Administrative Conditions

UNILATERAL TERMINATION

1. The Agency is asserting its right under 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Term and Condition of this agreement to unilaterally terminate this award. This amendment serves as required notice under 2 CFR 200.341.
2. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.343 Effect of suspension and termination, costs to the recipient or subrecipient resulting from financial obligations incurred by the recipient or subrecipient after the termination of a Federal award are not allowable. Costs after termination are allowable if:
 - a. The costs result from financial obligations which were properly incurred by the recipient or subrecipient before the effective date of suspension or termination, and not in anticipation of it; and
 - b. The costs would be allowable if the Federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect.
 - c. The costs are reasonable and necessary termination costs consistent with 2 CFR 200.472.
3. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) General Terms and Conditions is still in full force and effect. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance of the award.
4. Programmatic Terms and Conditions. Performance reporting is still in full force and effect. The recipient must submit the final report no later than 120 calendar days after the period of performance.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include information on each of the following areas:

- a. A comparison of accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the reporting period;
- b. Explanations on why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and
- c. Additional information, analysis, and explanation of cost overruns or high-than-expected-unit costs.

5. Waiver of Reports

The following reports are waived:

- a. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises General Terms and Conditions, EPA Form 5700-52A.
- b. Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-428, General Terms and Conditions.

6. Record Retention

Access to Records, 2 CFR 200.337, is still in full force and effect. The termination of this award does not affect the right of EPA to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other reviews. Information regarding record retention, property disposition in accordance with EPA regulations, and other frequently asked questions can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts>.

Programmatic Conditions

All Programmatic Conditions Remain the Same

Message

From: Duncan, Heather [Duncan.Heather@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/24/2025 1:09:52 PM
To: Wise, Melissa [wise.melissa@epa.gov]; Tsing-Choy, Kathy [Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov]; Rawls, Whitney [rawls.whitney@epa.gov]
CC: Richards, Elizabeth [Richards.Elizabeth@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: R7 Termination Status - XJ 96701501
Attachments: Termination of EPA Assistance Award: XJ-96701501 Wichita State University

Recipient notification attached. Should we add this requirement to the SOP (including the recipient notification in the HQ notification)?

Heather

Heather Duncan

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From: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 7:33 PM
To: Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>; Rawls, Whitney <rawls.whitney@epa.gov>
Cc: Duncan, Heather <Duncan.Heather@epa.gov>; Richards, Elizabeth <Richards.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R7 Termination Status - XJ 96701501

Whitney,

Can you please confirm that you completed the termination, except for entering the FT code? Can you please forward the email sent to the recipient?

Thank you,
Melissa

From: Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Rawls, Whitney <rawls.whitney@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Duncan, Heather <Duncan.Heather@epa.gov>; Richards, Elizabeth <Richards.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R7 Termination Status - XJ 96701501

Yes. Have a great day.

Kathy Tsing-Choy
Associate Award Official
tsing-choy.kathy@epa.gov

From: Rawls, Whitney <rawls.whitney@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:01 PM
To: Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Duncan, Heather <Duncan.Heather@epa.gov>; Richards, Elizabeth

<Richards.Elizabeth@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: R7 Termination Status - XJ 96701501

Thank you for your quick response Kathy! So will it be okay to enter this code first thing Monday morning?

Thanks so much,



Whitney Rawls

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From: Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 5:00 PM

To: Rawls, Whitney <rawls.whitney@epa.gov>

Cc: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Duncan, Heather <Duncan.Heather@epa.gov>; Richards, Elizabeth <Richards.Elizabeth@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: R7 Termination Status - XJ 96701501

We are working to have the contractor to push the system to move the congressional notification hourly vs nightly to allow GMO to enter closeout code within a day vs next day.

Kathy Tsing-Choy

Associate Award Official

tsing-choy.kathy@epa.gov

From: Rawls, Whitney <rawls.whitney@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 2:59 PM

To: Tsing-Choy, Kathy <Tsing-Choy.Kathy@epa.gov>

Cc: Wise, Melissa <wise.melissa@epa.gov>; Duncan, Heather <Duncan.Heather@epa.gov>; Richards, Elizabeth <Richards.Elizabeth@epa.gov>

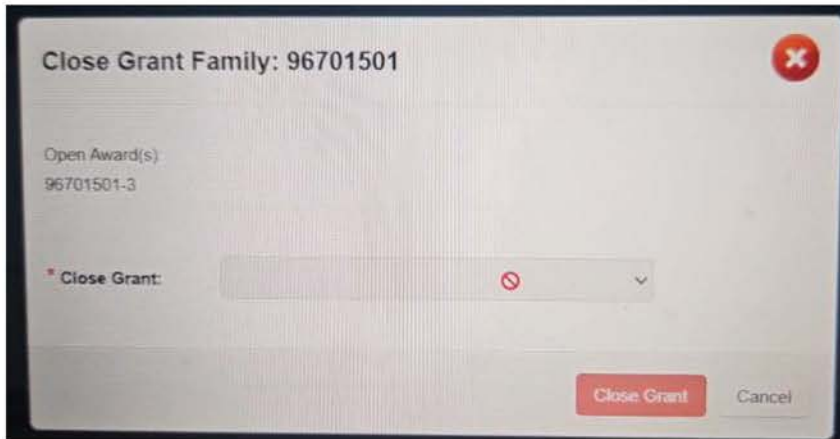
Subject: R7 Termination Status - XJ 96701501

Importance: High

We have completed all steps within the Termination SOP provided by OGD for agreement XJ 96701501 with the exception of *Select close grant code "FT – Assistance Terminated by EPA Before Completion."*



When I try to complete this step, I do not have the option to make a selection as instructed per OGD's SOP, see screenshot below:



Close Grant Family: 96701501

Open Award(s):
96701501-3

* Close Grant:

Close Grant Cancel

Please advise as I am trying to meet the established deadline of COB today.

Thanks so much,



Whitney Rawls

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